

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a system and methods for the delivery of streamed content over a network. The system and methods of the invention are suited for the delivery of streaming video content over a network at a variety of data rates. The system allows a user to dynamically select the quality level of data to be delivered while a video is being displayed. Moreover, the system also can automatically select content suitable for a client device's connection speed as well as hardware, software, network and firewall configurations.